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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6341

BILL NUMBER: SB 92

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 26, 2010

BILL AMENDED: Jan 25, 2010

SUBJECT: Land Surveyors.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Boots

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) The bill allows a licensed land surveyor to enter any land or property within Indiana to conduct a survey. The bill provides procedures for notifying a landowner and makes a surveyor liable for damage caused by the entry.

Effective Date: July 1, 2010.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) *Court Fee Revenue:* The bill could increase the number of lawsuits filed by landowners for compensation if a land surveyor damages landowners' property upon entry.

If additional civil actions occur and court fees are collected, revenue to the state General Fund may increase. A civil costs fee of \$100 would be assessed when a civil case is filed, 70% of which would be deposited in the state General Fund if the case is filed in a court of record or 55% if the case is filed in a city or town court.

In addition, some or all of the document storage fee (\$2), automated record keeping fee (\$7), judicial salaries fee (\$18), public defense administration fee (\$3), court administration fee (\$5), and the judicial insurance adjustment fee (\$1) are deposited into the state General Fund. Additional fees may be collected at the discretion of the judge and depending upon the particular type of case.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Court Fee Revenue:* If additional civil actions occur, local governments would receive revenue from the following sources. The county general fund would receive 27% of the \$100 civil costs fee that is assessed in a court of record. Cities and towns maintaining a law enforcement agency that prosecutes at least 50% of its ordinance violations in a court of record may receive 3% of court fees. If the case is filed in a city or town court, 20% of the court fee would be deposited in the county general fund and 25% would be deposited in the city or town general fund. Additional fees may be collected at the discretion of the judge and depending upon the particular type of case.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Trial, city and town courts, counties.

Information Sources:

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